

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Proposed New Permanent Regulation

Lodging Establishments

28-36-77. Guest rooms. Each licensee shall ensure that each guest room is kept clean, is in good repair, and is maintained with regard to the health and safety of each guest, in accordance with all of the following requirements:

(a) The walls, floors, ceilings, doors, and windows shall be constructed of materials intended for that purpose, maintained in good repair, and cleaned, painted, or replaced as necessary.

(1) All junctures between floors and walls shall be constructed, covered, or finished with a baseboard and readily cleanable.

(2) All floors and floor coverings shall be cleaned as needed. The methods for cleaning shall be suitable to the finish and material.

(3) All floor maintenance, repair, or replacement shall be done in a manner that prevents slipping or tripping hazards to any guest.

(4) A guest room that has visible mold on the floors, walls, ceiling, or windows shall not be rented until mold cleanup is completed.

(b) All furnishings, including draperies, beds, appliances, furniture, lamps, and decorative items, shall be kept clean and in good repair. The methods for cleaning shall be suitable to the material and finish.

(c) Each guest room shall have a connecting toilet room and bathing facilities, including a bathtub or shower, except for the following:

(1) If the lodging establishment is listed on the state historical register and documentation is provided to the regulatory authority, at least one toilet room with bathing facilities located on the same floor shall be provided for every two guest rooms, unless otherwise specified by the regulatory authority.

(2) If the lodging establishment is a boarding house, including a bed and breakfast home, or a rooming house, at least one toilet room with bathing facilities located on the same floor shall be provided for every two guest rooms.

(3) If the lodging establishment is a lodge with dormitory sleeping areas, at least one toilet and at least one bathtub or one shower shall be provided for every six guests and shall be located within the same building as the dormitory sleeping area or adjacent to the dormitory sleeping area.

(d) Each handwashing sink shall meet the requirements specified in K.A.R. 28-36-74.

(e) Each rented guest room shall be serviced daily in the following manner except as otherwise specified in this subsection:

(1) Clean bathroom linens, including towels and washcloths, shall be provided. If bathmats are provided, the bathmats shall be clean.

(2) Clean bed linens shall be provided, and the bed shall be made.

(3) All floors shall be swept or vacuumed, if visibly soiled. All hard-surface floors shall be wet-cleaned if visibly soiled.

(4) Each toilet, sink, bathtub, and shower area shall be cleaned if visibly soiled.

(5) Each trash container shall be emptied and shall be cleaned if visibly soiled. A trash container liner may be reused during the same guest's stay if the liner is not visibly soiled.

(6) All soap and prepackaged guest toiletry items shall be replenished, as necessary.

(7) All toilet paper shall be replenished, as necessary.

(8) Clean ice bucket liners shall be provided and replaced, as necessary and upon request of the guest.

(9) All glassware and cups, if provided, shall be replaced with clean and sanitized dishware. Single-service cups, if provided, shall be replenished.

(10) If a coffeemaker is present in the guest room, the coffee shall be rinsed. If the coffeepot is visibly soiled or contaminated, it shall be washed, rinsed, and sanitized. A fresh supply of coffee, condiments, and any single-service articles shall be replenished, if provided.

(f) Each guest room shall be serviced daily during the guest's stay if the stay is less than five days, unless the guest requests that all or part of the room not be serviced.

(g) If the same guest continuously occupies the same room for five or more days, the room shall be serviced and cleaned at least every five days. For each extended-stay establishment, the guest room shall be serviced and cleaned at least every five days.

(h) Each guest room that is available for rent shall be serviced and cleaned before each new guest. In addition to the required service activities in subsection (e), each guest room cleaning shall include the following:

(1) All floors shall be swept or vacuumed, and all hard-surface floors shall be wet-cleaned.

(2) All furniture, fixtures, and any items of decoration shall be cleaned in a manner that is appropriate to the finish.

(3) The interior of all drawers shall be cleaned.

(4) All toilets, sinks, bathtubs, and shower areas shall be cleaned and sanitized in a manner that is appropriate to the finish.

(5) All sinks, bathtubs, and shower areas shall be kept free of hair, mold, and mildew.

(6) Bed linens and bath linens shall not be used for cleaning or dusting.

(7) All trash containers shall be emptied and cleaned, and new liners shall be provided.

(8) All ice bucket liners shall be replaced with new liners.

(9) All used guest toiletries and soap shall be replenished.

(10) The guest room shall be visually inspected for any evidence of insects, rodents, and other pests.

(i)(1) All bedspreads, top-covering linens, blankets, mattress pads, mattresses, and box springs shall be cleaned and maintained in good repair according to all of the following requirements:

(A) All linens with tears or holes shall be repaired or replaced and all soiled and stained linen shall be cleaned.

(B) All bedspreads and top-covering linens shall be cleaned at least monthly.

(C) All blankets and mattress pads shall be cleaned at least monthly. All blankets and mattress pads that are visibly soiled or stained shall be removed and replaced with clean linen.

(D) All mattresses and box springs shall be kept clean. Each damaged or soiled mattress and box spring shall be repaired or cleaned.

(2) The interior and surface of each enclosed mattress platform shall be cleaned if visibly soiled and either maintained in good repair or replaced.

(E) Each mattress that is not kept in sanitary condition shall be replaced.

(j) The requirements of one of the following paragraphs shall be met:

(1) No coffeemaker or coffeepot shall be located within a toilet room. Each coffeepot shall be rinsed before each new guest.

(2) Each coffeepot located within a toilet room shall be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before each new guest as specified in K.A.R. 28-36-78.

(k) All single-service drinking glasses and utensils shall be prepackaged.

(l) All food and condiments provided in each guest room shall be individually prepackaged.

(m) If a refrigerator unit is provided in a guest room, the unit shall be cleaned before each new guest.

(n) Each appliance provided for guest use, including microwaves, stoves, dishwashing machines, coffeemakers, hair dryers, clothing irons, radios, televisions, remote controls, and video equipment, shall be operational and in good repair. All cooking appliances, including microwaves and stoves, shall be cleaned before each new

guest. All appliances shall be listed with or certified by underwriters' laboratories (UL) and shall bear the UL designation.

(o) Except as specified in this subsection, the use of portable electrical or open-flame cooking devices shall be prohibited in a guest room. These devices shall include hot plates, electric skillets and grills, propane and charcoal grills, camping stoves, and any similar cooking devices. These devices shall not include slow cookers. Microwaves and toasters that are provided in a guest room by the licensee shall be permitted.

(p) Each guest room shall be free of any evidence of insects, rodents, and other pests.

(1) If a guest room has been vacant for at least 30 days, the licensee shall visually inspect that room for any evidence of insects, rodents, and other pests within 24 hours of occupancy by the next guest.

(2) No guest room that is infested by insects, rodents, or other pests shall be rented until the infestation is eliminated.

(3) The presence of bed bugs, which is indicated by observation of a living or dead bed bug, bed bug carapace, eggs or egg casings, or the typical brownish or blood spotting on linens, mattresses, or furniture, shall be considered an infestation.

(4) The presence of bed bugs shall be reported to the regulatory authority within one business day upon discovery or upon receipt of a guest complaint.

(5) All infestations shall be treated by a licensed pest control operator (PCO).

(6) All pest control measures, both mechanical and chemical, shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

(7) No rodenticides, pesticides, or insecticides shall be stored in a guest room or in any area that could contaminate guest supplies, food, condiments, dishware, or utensils.

(q) (1) The licensee of each lodging establishment that allows pets into any guest room shall advise consumers that the establishment is “pet-friendly” by posting a sign in a conspicuous place at the front desk to alert guests that pets are allowed.

(2) The licensee of each lodging establishment where pets or service animals have been in a guest room shall meet one of the following requirements:

(A) The guest room shall be deep cleaned before the next guest. Deep cleaning shall include servicing and cleaning the guest room as specified in subsections (e) and (h), as well as vacuuming and shampooing the carpet and upholstered furnishings and vacuuming the mattress. All bed linens, including sheets, mattress pads, blankets, bedspreads or top coverings, and pillows, shall be replaced with clean bed linens.

(B) If the room is not deep cleaned, the licensee shall not offer that room to any guest without giving notification to that guest that a pet or service animal was in the room previous to the new guest.

(3) If the previous guest has smoked in a room, the licensee of any lodging establishment shall not offer that room as a non-smoking room until one of the following requirements is met:

(A) The guest room is deep cleaned as specified in paragraph (q)(2)(A).

(B) If the room is not deep cleaned, the licensee shall give notification to the new guest that the previous guest smoked in the room.

(r) Each guest room shall be provided with a means for locking each entrance both from the inside and from the outside, according to all of the following requirements:

(1) The key furnished to each guest shall not unlock the door to any other guest room.

(2) At least one secondary lock, including a dead bolt lock, thumb bolt, chain lock, or a similar device, shall be provided in addition to the primary key lock and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

(3) All locks shall be in good repair and fully operational.

(s) Each pair of connecting guest rooms shall have two doors in the connecting doorway. Each connecting door shall be equipped with a lock on only the guest room side of that door.

(t) If cribs are provided upon request, the cribs shall be easily cleanable, safe, and in good repair. Each crib rail, pad, and mattress shall be cleaned and sanitized after each guest.

This regulation shall be effective on or after February 5, 2008. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 36-506; effective, T-_____, _____; effective P-_____.)